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Energy Conservation in Transport Sector

216. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an action plan for energy conservation in transport sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The action plan for energy conservation in road transport sector covers fixation of quarterly targets by each State Transport Undertaking to achieve on an average 5 K.Meters a litre through measures of ensuring better maintenance practices, organising appropriate training courses for the drive, fitment of speed control devices and also phase-wise induction of buses with reduced weights and improvement in bus-body design and instituting incentive schemes to motivate the crew and maintenance personnel for achieving higher level of efficiency.

Achievements with reference to the targets fixed by each of the STUs are to be monitored in a specially constituted Cell in the CIRT, Pune. Besides monitoring the performance, the Cell helps in the transfer of practices adopted by better transport undertakings to the others.

The plan of action also includes arranging by Petroleum Conservation Research Association, special clinics targetted at private operators for imparting appropriate driving and maintenance practices designed to promote fuel conservation.

Festivals of India in Foreign Countries

217. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Festivals of India have been held in Foreign countries so far and what are the names of the countries where such festivals were held and the expenditure incurred by Government on each of these festivals; and

(b) what according to the assessment, if any, has been the country's material gains in changing the country's image from the old one of exotica and in bringing awareness of the contemporary Indian culture in the fields of art, theatre, sculpture and literature and the development of science and technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Festivals of India have been held in five countries, *viz.*, U.K. USA., France, Sweden and USSR. Of these, Festivals of India in USSR is still underway. The expenditure incurred on each of these festivals is as under:—

Festival of India in U.K. . . .	Rs. 1,76,85,456·26
Festival of India In USA and France .	Rs. 10.74.90.757·00 (31-3-1986)
Indian Manifestation in Sweden	Rs. 66,48,814·00 (approx.)
Festival of India in USSR . .	Rs. 8,50.00,000·00 (approx.)

(b) The Festivals of India have created a significant awareness of not only the Indian Cultural Heritage, but also its contemporary history, art and development and achievements. These have opened opportunities for mutual exchanges with these countries in various spheres on a more permanent footing, since they have brought to